

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Filippi, Walker, Preiss, Blackburn, Richard, Jackson and Jasparro. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL # 070553 : Ms. Barbara Simmons for the property located at 22 Woonsocket Hill Road, North Smithfield. ADSFM Brian Gartland appeared for the North Smithfield Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Richard to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in order to have the CO and smoke detectors installed in this facility, as well as to allow the sale of the facility to be completed. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #040127A: Mr. Steven Renshaw, for the property located at 15 Point Road, Portsmouth. ADSFM Phillip Simmons appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days in which to correct the outstanding deficiencies listed on the Marshal's November 1, 2007 inspection report. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050604: Ms. Lisa M. Mills, for the property located at 115**

East Killingly Road, Foster. DSFM Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jasparro and Jackson to grant the Applicant the following relief. The Board grants a variance in order to allow the Applicant to maintain the cited interior finish materials without applying intumescent paint. The Board grants the Applicant a variance to maintain the second and third floors without a second means of egress until such time as the second and third floors, which are currently vacant, are reoccupied. The Applicant is granted a time variance of 120 days in which to install a smoke detector on each level of this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. The current system will be expanded when the second and third levels are reoccupied. The motion passed over the objection of Commissioner Preiss.

APPEAL #060122A: Rev. Michael J. Wooley, for the property located at 1210 Mendon Road, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a variance from the sprinkler requirements pursuant to the testimony that the occupancy of the place of assembly will be held to under 300 people. The Applicant is granted a variance to maintain the corridor width at the fire doors at 68 inches, on the basis of structural hardship. The Applicant is granted a time variance until September 2008 in which to install a compliant fire alarm system in this facility, and a time

**variance until September 2009 in which to correct all remaining deficiencies. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #060973: Mr. John P. Morris, for the property located at 2779 Mendon Road, Woonsocket. ADSFM George Potter appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant's requested variances provided there is no public use of this facility and no power provided to the building. The motion passed over the opposition of Commissioner Preiss.**

**APPEAL #070501: Macklands Realty Inc., for the property located at the end of Meadowbrook Drive, Cumberland. ADSFM Claude LaFlamme appeared for the Cumberland Hill Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant's requested relief in the matter of the single access road. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070524: Executive Director Carol Kennedy for the property located at 165 Duke Street, East Greenwich. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Filippi to grant the Applicant's request for variance, based on structural hardship. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070527: Mr. Georges Makhoul, for the property located at 235 Meeting Street, Providence. ADSFM Richard Fournier appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a variance, based on structural hardship, in order to maintain the non-remote exits on the second floor. The Applicant is directed to install a rated door at the bottom of the cited stairs, and to update the alarm system to a municipal or third party central station. He is directed to structurally and physically reduce the capacity of the place of assembly on the second floor to 49 persons, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office, and to maintain the flame retardancy of the walls and furniture in this facility. The motion passed over the objection of Commissioners Jackson and Preiss.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**

**Assistant Administrative Officer**